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AIM KEEP FROM SLAUGHTER CATTLE NOT FULLY FED

MINISTER STATES
PRESENT PURPOSE
OF PRICE POLICY

"Co-operation of Livestock
Owners Essential"—Support
Price for Good Steers Cut

DELIVERIES TO U.K.

Are Now 50,000,000 Lbs. Beef
Out of Total of 63,000,000
Agreed to

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Oct. 1st — Reporting to Parliament that Canada has already delivered 50,000,000 pounds of beef, out of the total of 63,000,000 which the United Kingdom agreed to take under the terms of the three-way meat exchange arrangement, Rt. Hon. Jas. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, warns that the small balance remaining to be shipped is further evidence that the Government's price support program cannot be based solely on the purchase of meat by the Price Support Board. "Co-operation of livestock owners," he states, is essential to the success of the plan."

Won't Buy "Any and All"

The Minister's warning includes the intimation that the Government has no intention of purchasing any and all beef brought to the market. "Direct price support through the purchase of beef," he states, "will not extend to types which we are warning producers and others not to bring to market. In short, it will be our intention to do everything possible to keep cattle not fully fed from being slaughtered in order that there will be a market or storage for finished beef."

Many instances of prices on Western livestock markets falling below the government support level, Agriculture Department spokesmen have pointed out, have been the result of farmers bringing in cattle which have not been fully fed and are not ready for the market.

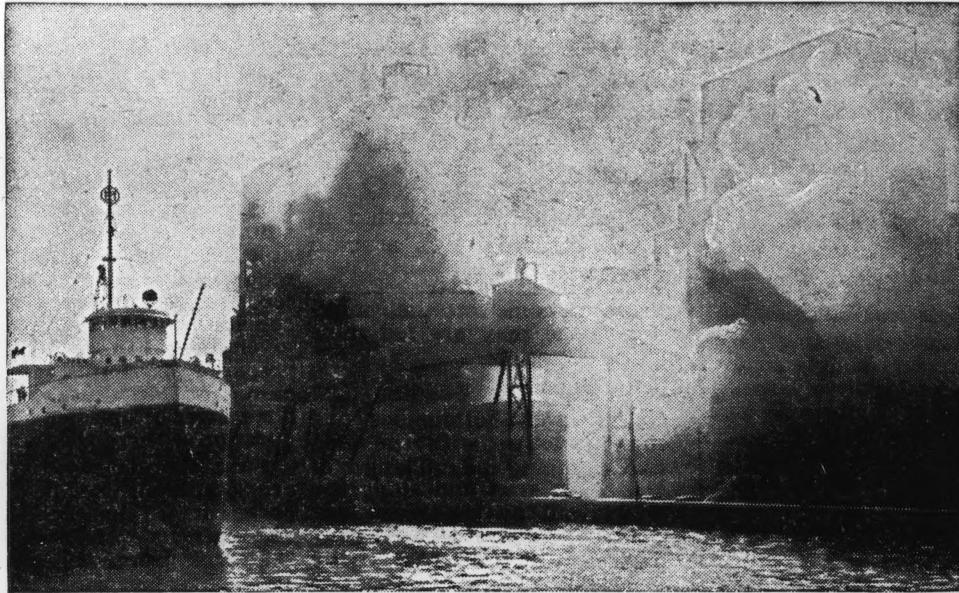
In these cases, they have been sold to packers at less than the government support price.

Continue at Lower Level

Mr. Gardiner's outline of Government policy followed his announcement of the continuance of beef support prices at a slightly lower level for the next few months.

The new support price is \$23 a hundred pounds for good steers, basis

Six Killed in Disastrous Explosion at Lakehead



Six lives were lost and some fourteen persons suffered injuries when an explosion of bomb-like force in No. 4A elevator of Saskatchewan Pool Elevators, Ltd., caused concrete walls to crumble like cardboard and twisted girders and blew off the roof of an elevator annex. The explosion rocked the waterfront and hurl-

ed men into the air. Fire caused further damage to the elevator, much needed in the handling of this year's record grain crop. Above, the elevator is seen smoking after the firemen had almost quelled the flames. A picture on another page shows the extent of the damage to the elevator.

Cut in Hog Price Floor May Necessitate Lower Production, Is Stated

"Unless new markets can be opened, the only way to meet the situation will be through less production," President Henry G. Young of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, commented a few days ago in reference to the pending reduction in the floor price of hogs, according to a daily press report. The Government's announcement, Mr. Young is quoted as saying, is "a warning to hog farmers of what to expect."

The new floor price, reduced \$3 a hundred to \$23 to take effect January 1st, Mr. Young indicated, will mean \$21 at Edmonton, or an over-all price of probably \$20 a hundred. "That means \$30 a hog, which is just about the cost of production."

LONGEST IN HISTORY

WINNIPEG, Man. — The longest train in the history of the Canadian National Railways at Winnipeg moved out of the yards here last week; it was 1.58 miles in length.

delivery at Toronto, a reduction of two dollars from the price in effect since the outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

Special Price Continued

Mr. Gardiner said the government will continue, however, to pay \$25

EFFORT FAILS

OTTAWA, Ont. — Application of the four Western Provincial Governments to the Board of Transport Commissioners, for embodiment of the railway's application for higher rates on grain in the West moving to domestic markets, in the Board's rate-equalization inquiry has failed.

EDMONTON STATES POSITION

EDMONTON — The Alberta Department of Agriculture in Edmonton in reference to the policy of the Dominion Government re floor prices for cattle, expresses the opinion that the Ottawa Government has no intention of buying livestock for which there is no immediate market or for which there are no storage facilities.

OUTPUT UP SLIGHTLY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The principal dairy producing countries of the world had a slightly larger output in the second quarter of 1952 than in the corresponding period of 1951. Foreign Crops and Markets reports.

a hundredweight live for heavy steers and heifers of 700 pounds or more, cold dressed weight, fat in basis and including Grades A, B and C. This special price will continue to Nov. 15th.

The new \$23 floor price will be paid until April 1st, 1953, unless the United States cattle embargo is lifted before that time. If the embargo is still in effect, Mr. Gardiner said, the price

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CASE PRESENTED AGAINST FURTHER RATE INCREASES

Not Necessary to Maintaining
C.P.R. in Sound Position,
Is Contention

IN FARMERS' BRIEF

C.F.A. Contends New Increases
Would Drive More Traffic
Into Truck Transports

OTTAWA, Oct. 1st — Further increases in freight rates in Canada are not necessary as a means of maintaining the Canadian Pacific Railway in a sound financial position, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture contends in a brief which has been presented to the Board of Transport Commissioners here. Such increases, the Federation sets forth, would be unwise, since they would have the effect of driving still further volume of traffic away from the railways into the hands of truck transports.

The brief, presented by the C.F.A.'s economist, Dr. E. C. Hope, called upon the Board to reject the present application of the railway association for a further general freight rate increase of 8 per cent. (Cont. on Page 13).



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



Loose Housing Experiment at Lethbridge

THE Loose Housing experiment being carried on at Lethbridge is one of four such experiments being carried on by the Federal Department of Agriculture. Two are in Eastern Canada, one in B.C. and the prairie experiment is being done here in Lethbridge. The locations of these experiments were chosen to give an accurate picture of the efficiency or otherwise of the Loose Housing of dairy cattle in localities differing greatly in climatic conditions.

The project at Lethbridge was actually started in February this year, although the building was erected and equipped some time last year.

Simple and Inexpensive

The Loose Housing barn is an extremely simple structure and a comparatively inexpensive one. It comprises a single storey of wood, 115 ft. by 45 ft., with a three-cow elevated milking parlor on the east end. A three-unit milker is operated, and, as the stalls are raised three feet from the floor, the operator works standing up, which makes for a simple and easy operation.

The cows come up along a sloping ramp from the main floor of the barn and move into the milking stalls three at a time. It was milking time when I visited the barn and the cows stood patiently on the ramp awaiting their turn. As

the cows come into their milking stalls, they are fed their grain ration.

The Main Building

The main building is one long structure with the feed racks running the full length of the North wall and along the short wall on the West side space is provided for the storage of extra feed. Also at the West end is a hay door and track, which is angled from the door towards the North wall where the feed is deposited. The remainder of the floor space is unobstructed and provides approximately 70 square feet per cow.

Mr. David Clarke, who is in charge of animal husbandry and of this experiment, gave

me quite a lot of his time on the day of my visit and answered a host of questions, the answers to which I thought would be of general interest to our members.

Only Getting Well Started

It should be pointed out, however, that this project is only just getting under way, and as the scope of the experiment is quite comprehensive it is thought that five years will elapse before anything like an authoritative report on the results can be expected. I was able to look at some figures already compiled from the projects so far, but they are inconclusive and should not be given at this time. However, I prepared a simple questionnaire and Mr. Clark gave me his answer or opinions on each question — here they are:

First, I should say that there are 26 animals used in this experiment, 13 in each group. The animals were selected so that each group were comparable in performance and general health at the commencement of the project — although it was found later that one known low producer had been included in the loose barn group and she was left in.

Question — Did you find, Mr. Clarke, that the cows in the cold barn produced as well as those in the conventional barn where the temperature was regulated to 45-50 degrees?

Answer — There was very little difference in the two groups. Actually the cows in the warm barn had a slight increase over the Loose Barn group, but bear in mind that the low producer was amongst the latter group.

Question — Do you consider the health of the animals benefited by being allowed the run loose barn?

Answer — It is difficult to answer that question, as the experiment so far is of short duration. There were actually two cases of mastitis — one in each group. The barned animal required three treatments to clear up the udder, whilst the one in the loose barn required two treatments. It is obvious, however, that the animals that had the freedom of the barn were not so vul-

nerable to udder injury by way of stepped on teats as those in the conventional barn.

Question — Do you consider the increased cost of bedding will pay for itself in the increased value of the fertilizer produced in the form of manure?

Answer — Bedding is a low priced and often a surplus commodity on our western farms, but nevertheless the extra manure produced must be considered a very valuable by-product of this experiment.

Question — How often did you clean out your Loose Housing building after the start of the experiment? And what equipment did you use?

Answer — Just once. We did the job as soon as the pack around the door was pliable enough to work — which would be in April — and we used a small tractor with an overhead loader and a manure spreader. The job was completed in a day. The pack had built up to approximately 2½ feet.

Question — Do you consider, Mr. Clarke, the Loose Housing system will be a time saver and more economical than the conventional barn?

Answer — Yes. Most certainly it is! We have one man operating the milking parlor, and he can milk 45 cows twice a day and do the necessary cooling and handling, and do the clean-up in the milking parlor. This operator can handle approximately 40,000 lbs. of milk a month with ease in a normal 8 hr. day.

One Interesting Point

There was one very interesting point brought out by our discussion which should be emphasized. I remarked that working under these good conditions with modern equipment, a dairy farmer should not have as much trouble in keeping his help around. Mr. Clarke pointed out that, in his opinion, it was very much more important, when operating a Loose Barn system, to use great care in selecting the operator.

In the conventional barn, the owner can walk along his barn and observe the condition and behavior of each cow — quietly, noticing any abnormality

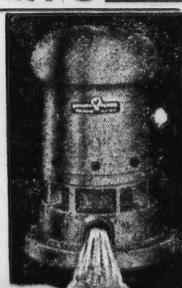
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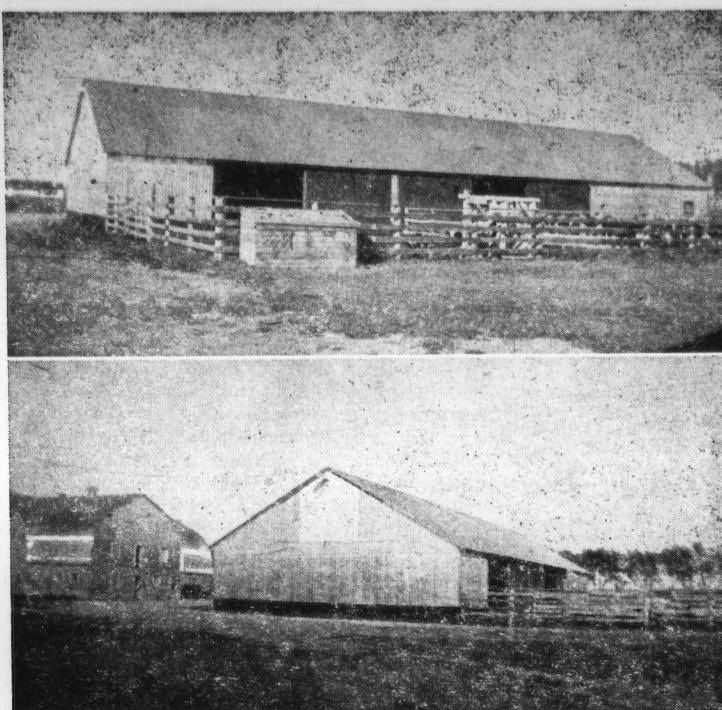
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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



The Loose Housing Barn at Lethbridge Experimental Station, shown above, is of simple construction, of cheap lumber. It was decided to sheet the outside with aluminum to conform with the other buildings, although this would be quite unnecessary under ordinary farm conditions. The lower picture is of the same building showing the West end. The hay rack is curved in toward the North side to converge the hay against the North wall. Milking parlor is at the East end with window.

and take steps to correct it; Loose Housing will provide the whereas in the Loose Housing system the owner is forced to place more reliance on his operator than would otherwise be necessary. Which is a nice point and an important one.

Spells More Money

To sum up the results of our quiz on the Lethbridge project. It's too early to assess the results yet, but I do not think there is much doubt, providing no serious bugs develop, that

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Support Farmers' Requests

"The establishment of a just price structure (by the Government) in consultation with representatives of farm organizations" is recommended by the Canadian Congress of Labor in a brief recently submitted to the Federal Cabinet in Ottawa.

GIVES WARNING

EDMONTON Alta. — Wrong use of serums and bacterins for protection against shipping fever can lead to disaster, warns Dr. J. G. O'Donoghue, Provincial Extension Veterinarian. They should be used only if their action is thoroughly understood. If in doubt, he advises, "consult your veterinarian."

British Seed Displayed

TORONTO, Ont. — Samples of British seed are being displayed at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, by two representatives of the National Farmers' Union. The display will include grass seeds, as well as grain, root, vegetable and flower seeds.

World's Population Is Growing While Soil Is Destroyed by Erosion

While the population of the world is rapidly increasing, soil resources are being destroyed through erosion, declares H. J. Mather, in a recent bulletin of Line Elevators Farm Service. Four billion acres of arable land, Mr. Mather points out, today feeds the world's population of 2½ billion human beings.

Most erosion takes place on bare fallow, Mr. Mather writes, where Nature's protective covering has been removed, and where burning, careless cultivation or wrong choice of implement has destroyed stubble and trash remaining after cultivation. Exploitation of the soil in North America, because of mechanization, is possibly the worst in the world's history. Already, in the comparatively short history of the United States, 50 million acres of good farm land have been ruined and 100 million more have lost 75 per cent of the top soil. "We must all work for conservation," urges Mr. Mather; "Yes, you too have a responsibility to the soils of Western Canada."

Irish Top List

The biggest users of dairy products are the Irish — they have an average consumption of 1,388 pounds of milk and over forty pounds of butter a year. New Zealanders are a close second, with Sweden, Finland and Canada following. Strangely enough, milk consumption is considerably less in the U.S.A. than in austerity-bound Britain.

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NO PLACE FOR PENNY PINCHING

We don't know how much the present campaign against rats is costing the Alberta Government; but we are sure that the effort to hold back the invasion by every means available is well worth while, whatever the outlay.

Some years ago it was estimated that the overrunning of the Province by rats would bring a loss of some twenty-five million dollars a year to rural and urban Alberta.

This paper suggested in 1950 that if that estimate be anywhere near the mark, then even so great a sum as twenty-five million dollars annually could fairly be considered a sound investment in a campaign to keep the rats out. But the actual expenditure necessary is probably but a fraction of that total.

We have no doubt that the campaign which has been organized is well directed by men of the highest competence and wide experience. "Rat-proofing" has been carefully planned, and it is being vigorously carried out. There has been effective co-operation between pest control officers and district agriculturists and farmers in the areas where the threat has become real.

None of us can afford to be complacent in face of the growing menace, no matter how remote the danger to the localities in which we live may seem to be.

Complete co-operation by all rural and urban citizens with the officials in charge of the campaign is essential. This is a case in which, we are sure, the experts do know exactly what needs to be done, and to follow their advice is the only sound course.

One thing is certain. No taxpayer will begrudge the expenditure that may be found necessary to doing an effective job, no matter what the amount may be.

DUCKS AND THE FARMERS

Nobody wants to be a spoil-sport, but farmers who have suffered very heavy losses in recent years from the depredations of ducks have good reason to insist that all reasonable means of avoiding such losses in future should be taken.

Farmers are prepared to meet the normal hazards of the seasons; but they must not be called upon to sacrifice a substantial part of their harvest from time to time for the benefit of the sportsmen of the continent.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURES

The disclosures of their personal financial affairs by candidates for office, now becoming the fashion, might with advantage be carried a step further — the competing parties might disclose the source of their campaign funds.

Published financial statements of this sort would no doubt be edifying to the electors — and quite as edifying in Canada and elsewhere as in the United States.

WHERE THE DIFFERENCE COMES IN

The carrying out of a rearmament program is one thing for us in North America.

THANKSGIVING

It is so easy to be thankful here,
Where beauty and beneficence combine
To weave the changing pattern of the year,
And to each season majesty assign;
Here where the nation's roof-trees stand secure
Against the phantoms of man's common ills,
As Nature yields its treasure to insure
Abundance, and an age-old dream fulfills.

Withal we have the freedom that inspires
High destiny, and eagerly we fare
Into the future of our long desires,
Its honors and rewards to reap and share.
Thanksgiving here is of each day a part —
It over-flows the well-springs of the heart.

— ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

It is quite a different matter for the British, and for most other Europeans.

So great is our productive capacity, so vast are the sums that can be devoted to the re-equipment of industry, that we can have both "guns" and "butter". We are getting both.

The United States is investing ten times as much as the United Kingdom in new machinery. The U.S. can continue to expand her manufacturing equipment to meet civilian consumer needs while carrying out her re-armament program; and Canada is in a similar position.

This is not the case in the United Kingdom, for example. While, between 1946 and 1950, the U.K.'s industrial productivity was increased by one-third, the outbreak of the Korean war and the greatly stepped-up production for armament which Britain agreed to, necessitated a switch of British plant and labor from industrial re-equipment to the defence program. Capital investment has been slashed in two successive years, and modernization has been stopped under pressure of financial policies, designed to protect sterling against disaster, which have been adopted by the Government.

"ATMOSPHERE OF BLUSTER AND ALARMS"

(Ottawa Citizen)

The tenor of much comment on military developments in Korea and elsewhere is disturbing to all who take a sober view of the perilous state of the world today. More and more, worried citizens are expected to admire the bullying stance of some self-important personages, to sympathize with the gloating tone in which death and destruction are often described. Real life is being misrepresented in terms of the "comic" strips that give glamor to barbarity and feature the marvels by which heroes confound or massacre the villains . . .

Even the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, despite its high standards of service, has long been mixing its capable reports from the Far East with commentaries in a style better suited to football games . . .

From irresponsible quarters come chest-thumping pronouncements and demands that the United States, or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or the United Nations, should really throw its weight around. In the United States election campaign, Governor Stevenson has had to denounce "the reckless suggestion of a war of liberation in Europe which has frightened everyone except the Russians."

A reminder of what war means has been given in Ottawa by Brigadier J. M. Rockingham, formerly commander of Canada's 25th Brigade in Korea, who in supporting the Unitarian Service Committee's relief appeal said that the misery of the Korean people is "beyond the power of any words of mine to describe."

Adequate defence, and firmness of policy, the West must have. But its purpose of negotiating for a stable peace becomes more difficult of achievement in an atmosphere heated by bluster and alarms.

"It is better to think straight about a few things than to think crookedly about many." — Sir Norman Angell.

Leadership Course Program Outlined

Two Weeks' Intense Study and Discussion and Recreation

A glance over the program, which has just been issued, shows that from the opening day on Monday, October 27th, to the day of dispersal on November 8th, the young farm people who will have the privilege of attending the Short Course of training in Rural Leadership at the Banff School of Fine Arts will combine with intense study and free discussion, excellent opportunities for recreation and enjoyment of the grandeur of the mountains.

Arrival Day Features

Arrival day will conclude with presentation of a film, and on Tuesday, October 28th, following the official welcome to Banff School on behalf of the University by Donald Cameron, Director of the Department of Extension, the aims of the course will be outlined by S. O. Hillerud and Lt.-Col. E. W. Cormack of the Department. Wm. S. Scarth of the U.G.G. will discuss the essentials of newswriting, and in the afternoon G. R. Hawkins of the Department will discuss "Government at All Levels".

It is of interest to note that following a 45-minute lecture there will be an equal time for discussion, and that this will be in general the pattern to be followed in dealing with the other subjects introduced by the leaders throughout the course. Preparation of assignments, reports and speeches will take place in the evenings.

Some of the Subjects

"Speech Practice" by W. Wagler of the Alberta Wheat Pool and D. C. Thornton of the U.F.A. Co-op; consideration of lectures on Reports, Records and Correspondence by Messrs. Scarth and Ed Patching of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and a lecture "Know Your Community" by Donald Cameron, will be the principal features of Wednesday. Most of the leaders who have been mentioned will continue to develop their subjects on each successive day of the course.

Thursday's and Friday's Events

On Thursday, October 30th, Henry G. Young, President of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, will speak on "The Challenge to Local Leadership"; and Alan Afflick, who will speak on Organizing Recreation, will be an additional lecturer. A major Saturday event will be discussion of National Farm Radio Forum by Floyd Griesbach and James R. McFall. There will be a hike to the hot springs for swimming. Students will attend their own churches on Sunday.

Highlights of Second Week

Among highlights of the second week will be (Tuesday, Nov. 4th) an address by Miss Eileen Birch, Secretary U.F.A. Co-op, on Filing a Club's Correspondence, and an address on the Junior F.U.A. by its president, Mable Rasmussen (Wednesday).

Thursday, Nov. 6th, there will be a special address by Norman F. Priestley, Secretary of the Alberta Co-operative Union, on "The History of the Co-operative Movement in Alberta and Some of Its Achievements." A number of other special speakers are to be invited.



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British to Supervise Amplification System

OTTAWA, Ont. — Two British technicians arrived in Ottawa last week to supervise the installation of the new sound amplification system which their firm is providing for the House of Commons.

Cites "Best Example" of Farmers' Support of Present Policies

"Perhaps the best example of the support of Western producers for the current policy in marketing grain is the example of Manitoba last year," said Roy C. Marler, President of the A.F.A., in the course of an address to the Alberta Section of the Canadian Feed Manufacturers' Association, reported in part in our last issue.

"There the farmers voted 89 per cent in favor of marketing their coarse grains through the Wheat Board, notwithstanding that the site of the Grain Exchange was in their capital. This was probably the most vulnerable Province of the Prairies, and no doubt considerable pressure was exerted on the Premier of Manitoba by his colleagues in the Cabinet and Legislature, who were opposing this method of marketing.

"It is of interest to note that neither before nor after the Manitoba plebiscite was there any official criticism emanating from farmers marketing their grain through the Board. Very few other interests have publicly voiced their opposition since the plebiscite. The suggestion has been made that the ballot should have provided an opportunity to vote for optional use of the Board. Farmers are not concerned with an optional system of marketing, as they have previously experienced that it will not work...

Charge Conclusively Answered

"I believe the plebiscite conclusively answered the charge that a few agricultural leaders were not properly interpreting the opinion of the masses of the farm people. I can also assure you that the motive which initiated the move for Board marketing did not stem from any desire on the part of farmers toward more controls, but from the desire to initiate moves which would tend to give a greater stability to the man on the land."

Mr. Marler reviewed efforts put forward with reference to marketing coarse grains through the Wheat Board, and stated the willingness of the organization to assist, to the extent of its capacity, in removing any discriminatory conditions. "This of course," he said, "does not mean that we are prepared to give up Board marketing."

Canadian motor vehicle registrations reached an all-time peak of 2,872,343 in 1951.

Will Exhibit Twelve Cars of Livestock at Toronto Winter Fair

EDMONTON, Alta. — Approximately twelve cars of livestock from Alberta will be exhibited at the Toronto Winter Fair this fall. It is indicated by W. H. T. Mead, Chairman of the Alberta Live Stock Board, and in accordance with the policy of the Alberta Department of Agriculture, of assisting breeders in the Province to assemble and exhibit livestock there, the Board has approved the list of exhibits submitted by breed selectors.

Hon. David Ure, Minister of Agriculture, made this announcement on Tuesday. The Minister stated that while there may be a few changes before shipping date, the number of animals will be about 24 horses, 38 beef breeding cattle, 20 dairy cattle, 12 dual purpose cattle, 11 market cattle, 14 swine and 30 sheep.

Calgary Stock Show Opens October 20th

Entries for the Calgary Stock Show and Sale include 126 females in beef cattle breeds. These have been selected and approved by representatives of the breed Associations, giving assurance of quality, states M. E. Hartnett, General Manager. In addition, 416 head of sheep and 193 pigs will be judged, and sold by auctioneers J. W. Durno, C. F. Damron, Archie Boyce and Harry Hays.

Cattle will be judged on Monday, October 20th, and sold on Tuesday; sheep and swine will be judged on Tuesday; swine will be sold on Wednesday and sheep on Thursday and, if necessary, Friday.

Improved Acres 96,852,746

The total area of improved farm land in Canada in 1951 was 96,852,746 acres, an increase of more than 5 million acres over the figure for 1941.

Community Pastures Give Summer Grazing to Over 70,000 Cattle

OTTAWA, Ont. — Providing summer grazing for over 70,000 head of cattle, owned by more than 6,000 farmers, there are now 57 P.F.R.A. community pastures in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. They comprise over a million and a half acres of abandoned farm land and overgrazed pasture land. Adequate stockwatering facilities are provided. Using controlled pasture management practices, the carrying capacity of the land has more than doubled since the beginning of the program.

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the work of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, includes permanent withdrawal from cultivation of land that is unsuitable for crop production; development of such areas as community pastures; and the re-settlement of the farmers who formerly lived on these lands.

Dairy Farmers Meet January

TORONTO, Ont. — Erle Kitchen, secretary-manager of Dairy Farmers of Canada, announces that the 11th annual meeting will be held in Vancouver, January 20th to 24th.

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operation of the Cereal Breeding Laboratory at Winnipeg, the Laboratory of Plant Pathology, also at Winnipeg, and the Experimental stations at Morden, Indian Head and Melfort.

Trade Wheat for Jute

KARACHI. — Pakistan and the U.S.S.R. recently concluded a barter agreement, whereby 5.5 million bushels of Russian wheat will be exchanged for 24,000 short tons of jute.

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Mexico Planning Radical Change in Farm Program

By EMIL ZUBRIN, Acapulco, Gro., Mexico

A radical change in Mexico's agricultural program will take effect in 1953, when preference will be given to cultivation of vital, nourishing food products, in accordance with orders issued by the National Bank of Farm Credits, which specified the planting of wheat in former cotton zones of La Laguna and Matamoros. Approximately two-thirds of tillable land in these areas will be planted in wheat, with the object of exceeding the 1951 peak figure of 480,000 tons.

Below 1951 Record

The Department of Agriculture has released a report showing that national wheat production this year will be approximately 20,000 tons below the 1951 record. This falling off in production has occurred despite the easy credit facilities offered by the official bank for this crop. Now credits for other crops will be tightened in a move to increase wheat production and thus decrease heavy imports which drain Mexico's dollar reserves.

During the first five months of the present year the government has spent 277,000,000 pesos (\$31,990,180) in foreign wheat purchases. Mexico, in accordance with the International Wheat Pact is authorized to purchase up to 350,000 tons from foreign sources.

With the cotton crop consistently faced with threats of plague, drought and uncertain prices, the government and growers are inclined to abandon the "gamble" in "white gold" for more staple food-stuffs.

Essence of Nation's Problem

Mexico is now attempting to confront fundamental agricultural problems realistically. As Gilberto Fabila, who participated in the creation of the Republic's Agrarian Code, recently said, the chief problem in Mexico is the defective manner in which tillable soil has been distributed. This unequal distribution of the land, combined with the lack of adequate financing, especially for small farmers, and the failure to educate agricultural technicians, form the fundamental trilogy of the nation's agrarian problem.

Fabila has decried the unusually low salaries paid to peon field laborers (as low as 3 pesos a day, or 35 cents), and he said that "braceros" could not be blamed for seeking higher wages across the frontier in the United States. The small area of the country and recent heavy mechanization of agriculture has contributed to farm labor problems and unemployment is causing serious hardship for rural families.

Another problem which has brought Mexican agriculture to the "crisis"

Although Canada and Mexico are on the same sub-continent, the farm people of these two countries know little about one another's problems and conditions. Agricultural practices and systems of land tenure differ widely. The desire for information about Mexican agriculture and the Mexican people was stimulated a great deal, however, by the attendance of representatives of our farm organizations at the Annual Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), in Mexico City last year. We are glad to be able to present to our readers the article on this page, dealing with Mexico's plans for a radical change in its agricultural program.

stage is that legislation has not been evolved by agrarian experts but by persons who are completely unaware of the fundamental necessities of farmers and the peculiar characteristics of Mexican farming land. This has brought about a situation where a mere handful of large-scale farmers have amassed huge fortunes while directing the destinies of a swarm of peons and small farmers whose economic conditions are "precarious".

Foreign Techniques Better

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Collector's Item



P.O. Vern McCurdy and his wife Peggy are seen holding a \$4 bill which they claim is the only remaining one from an issue printed in 1882. The airman, from Trenton, Ont., who obtained the bill, along with one from a 1900 series, from an aged recluse, says collectors have bid as much as \$150 for folding money not nearly as ancient.

would be best if Mexico eased restrictions which are levied against widespread increase of foreign farm colonies. Lifting of bans against operation of farms by foreign operators, under strict government supervision, would be a healthy spur to Mexican agriculture, according to Fabila. Foreign techniques and methods are better than those used in Mexico today, and knowledge is also far advanced. All this skill could be utilized to assure higher yields from Mexico's agricultural acreage.

The Mexican agriculturist cannot obtain credits except from banking institutions who have shown favoritism to large scale operators to the detriment of small farmers who, if they are financed, invariably fall into life-long debt with the bankers, with crops mortgaged year after year before even being planted.

Call for Drastic Measures

Mexican agriculture needs drastic measures to maintain production at present levels, and to ultimately improve yields. Fabila said that total mechanization, development of Farm Machinery Centrals (co-operatives where mechanized equipment would be available to the smallest farm operation), amplification of irrigation projects, utilization of better grades of seed and widespread use of fertilizer (practically unknown until comparatively recently, and still unknown by a vast majority of farmers), are fundamental needs which should be put in practice to save Mexican agriculture.

Eight-Point Program

Latest step to stimulate the nation's sagging agricultural industry is an eight-point program proposed by the Federation of Societies of Agricultural and Livestock Credit. Main point of the plan would be to organize all farm operations, large and small, as well as livestock and dairy farms, into a national credit system which would provide financing for full exploitation of all agricultural and livestock operations. Co-ordinated efforts would also be undertaken in educational campaigns and technical assistance to boost production.

Economic studies would be undertaken covering production costs of various crops, and data on markets — internal and exterior — with this information distributed regularly to farmers. Studies to resolve irrigation and road problems and training of technical personnel are other proposed measures to fully exploit the soil.

As with other proposals in the past,

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

The time is rapidly approaching when farm people will turn their thoughts to other phases of farm business than that of harvesting and actual farm operations.

Every year, commencing in the late fall, through the medium of various annual meetings, the farmer reviews aspects of marketing, social and other problems.

For your information, we list dates and places of some of the most important meetings that have been brought to our attention:

1. Farmers' Union of Alberta, District Convention, Vulcan, October 22nd, commencing at 10 a.m. Program includes banquet and social evening.
2. Rural Leadership Course — Banff School of Fine Arts, October 28th to November 8th.
3. National Farm Radio Forum commences 1952-53 radio series, over CBX Lacombe, CJOC Lethbridge and CJDC Dawson Creek, at 8:30 p.m., November 3rd.
4. United Grain Growers Annual Meeting, Calgary, November 4th and 5th.
5. United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Annual Meeting, Calgary, November 20th and 21st.
6. Alberta Association of Municipal Districts Annual Meeting, Calgary, November 19th, 20th and 21st.
7. Alberta Wheat Pool, Annual Meeting convenes at Calgary, November 25th.
8. Farmers Union of Alberta, Annual Meeting, Edmonton, December 8th to 13th.
9. Alberta Federation of Agriculture, Annual Meeting, Edmonton, December 17th, 18th and 19th.
10. Western Agricultural Conference, Vancouver or Victoria, tentative dates January 22nd, 23rd and 24th.
11. Canadian Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting, Victoria, B.C., January 26th to 30th.

Freight Rate Hearing

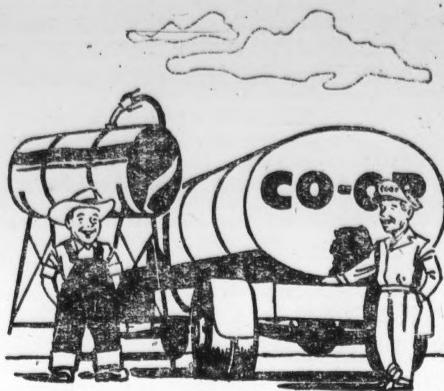
The battle of freight rates is still in progress. Recent sittings in Ottawa of the Board of Transport Commissioners heard arguments from Provincial Government lawyers urging that recent application for rate increase be thrown out, on the grounds that the carriers have failed to prove their need for added revenue.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, on behalf of its farmer members, asked that the rate increases be rejected. The submission pointed out that the Canadian Pacific Railway — the yard-stick line for rates — should have enough revenue under current rates to meet fixed charges, dividends and still have one of its largest revenue surpluses in recent years.

The question of increase in domestic grain rates is still to be considered. As this issue affects the Western producers, a submission by the Western Agricultural Conference will be made, asking that the application for this increase be deferred until it can be considered as a part of the general rate equalization scheme being worked out by the Board.

The United Kingdom Government has paid farmers £2,600,000 in compensations since November, 1951, for animals slaughtered in the campaign against foot-and-mouth disease.

This is well-intentioned, but it needs a united action and unbiased co-operation which has heretofore been lacking in Mexico.



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Advise Holding Cattle

Mr. Gardiner once again urged on cattlemen the importance of holding their stock. Continuance of the floor price, he said, was designed to provide "ample incentive" for farmers to retain their cattle, and to purchase winter stocker and feeders.

The present floor price of \$26 a hundred weight for hogs will be continued, the Minister has announced, until December 31st, but will be dropped to \$23 after that date.

Wheat Quota 115,000,000 Bus.
 The United Kingdom's quota of

Canadian wheat under the International Wheat Agreement this year will be 115,000,000 bushels. An agreement signed between Canada and the U.K. last week provided for the sale and purchase of wheat and wheat flour to this amount in 1952-53 and for general shipping arrangements.

This is a slight increase over the 113,000,000 bushels which the U.K. bought under the International Wheat Agreement in the 1951-52 crop year, but less than the U.K.'s total purchases from Canada, which included "class two" wheat sold outside the terms of the I.W.A.

The maximum price under the I.W.A. is \$1.80 a bushel in U.S. funds, which is \$1.72 in Canadian funds at this time.

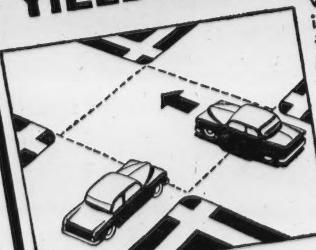
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 On Meadows bare and Gardens dead,
 On leafless trees that weep o'erhead;
 It falls alike on green and gold,
 On hope and beauty, on young and old —
 But it sings of a day to come, so fair,
 With Largess fit for a king to share.
 So, I bare my face to the kindly rain,
 Like a long lost brother, home again.

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campaign fund; Eisenhower said impressed. New York reports American Federation of Labor endorses Stevenson for president; first action of kind in history of organization.

Sept. 18th. — Canadian grain handlers' strike called off at eleventh hour. Embargo on grain movement lifted. Anthony Eden confers with Tito in Belgrade; to visit Austria after six days in Yugoslavia. President of Lebanon turned out of office; army head, General Fuad Shehab, forms emergent cabinet. On conclusion year's chairmanship of NATO, Pearson says progress in rearming encouraging, though behind schedule laid down at Lisbon; is succeeded by Ole Bjorn Kraft (Danish Foreign Minister). Dispatch from Thule, Greenland, says U.S. air base there will cost \$263 millions; Chas. CHAPLIN about half the amount already spent.

Sept. 19th. — British Government will favor firms exporting to Canada or U.S., announces Overseas Trade Minister Mackeson. Washington states enquiry launched into return of Charlie Chaplin, now enroute to England; he may not be allowed to re-enter U.S.

Sept. 20th. — British movie executives say they hope Chaplin will stay in England. Some U.S. newspapers, of both parties, call for withdrawal of Republican candidate for vice-president, Senator R. Nixon; is reported to have accepted \$18,000 from California supporters. Concessions granted to miners by soft coal operators in U.S. averts strike. Steel workers' union in Canada announces wage boost to be sought.

Sept. 21st. — Canada's Dr. O. M. Solandt is one of party of six sailing from Australia today for Monte Bello Islands, where British atomic weapon to be tested.

Sept. 22nd. — Hearings commenced on Canadian railway's application for over 17 per cent increases in freight rates. New Brunswick turns out Liberal Government after 17 years, elects Progressive Conservative majority. British requests for permission to attend Pacific defence meetings turned down by U.S., Australia and New Zealand; say would have to admit also other powers. British Overseas Airways Corporation reports first profit. Gen. Bradley declares U.S. will have to share some atomic information with Allies in Europe, but not scientific and technical knowledge.

Sept. 23rd. — NATO naval exercises concluded; 160 ships, 1,500 planes took part. Defence Minister Claxton inspects three-squadron wing of Sabre jet planes, to be flown to France as Canadian contribution to NATO. Three Western powers invite Russia to confer on question of free elections for Germany. Nixon goes on television to explain away \$18,000 private cam-

Sept. 24th. — Six men killed, extensive damage caused by explosion and fire in Saskatchewan Pool terminal elevator at Port Arthur. British engineering and ship building workers to stop all overtime and piecework on October 20th, announced; action follows failure to secure wage increases. London reports new deal being discussed with Russia for purchase of million tons of grain. Acheson charges Russia with deliberately widening split between Eastern and Western Germany. The Hague reports German war criminal Willy Lages has had death sentence reduced to life imprisonment; had sent some 70,000 Dutch Jews to Polish concentration camps. Lebanon Parliament elects new president.

Sept. 25th. — Previously sentenced to four months hard labor for addressing a political meeting, African leader of passive resistance movement, Moses Kotane, freed by Transvaal supreme court. West German Socialist leader Ollenhauer demands speedy action on German unity; charges Western powers selfishly consider their own welfare before Germany's.

Sept. 26th. — From Seoul comes report of renewed air fighting after four days of quiet; stated September total of Russian-built jets destroyed is now 56. Egyptian government pensions off 450 high-ranking officers of armed forces. Board of Transport Commissioners in Ottawa reserves judgment of railways' application for bigger freight rates, made in July; hearings to start Monday on application for increases in Western domestic grain rates.

Sept. 27th. — Yugoslavia will stand beside Turkey in event of an attack, says General Yaktchitch, head of Yugoslav military mission to Greece and Turkey. In Washington, Stevenson makes public details of fund to boost salaries of some Illinois State officials; also gives details of personal income for past ten years.

Sept. 28th. — Three new proposals to break the prisoner-of-war deadlock made by Allied spokesmen at Korean truce meeting; ten-day recess, for study of suggestions, agreed on. Accidental bombing by four U.S. planes drive Greek troops from a hilltop position newly gained on Korean western front. Naguib threatens opposing Wafid party with dissolution.

Sept. 29th. — John Cobb, British holder of world's record for land speed, killed while driving speed boat on Loch Ness; was travelling more than 200 miles per hour. Eisenhower will make public details of finances, stated at headquarters. New freight rate hearing opens in Ottawa.

Sept. 30th. — Bevin forces gain six of seven seats at British Labor Party convention (eighteen others filled by unions, co-operatives and women's section). Washington states U.S. has

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Vice-President Describes New Weapons for Onslaught on Harvest

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 30. — (Special). — Accelerating now towards grain-rush speed again, after the slowdown preceding settlement of the Lakehead grain handlers' dispute on September 18th, the Canadian Pacific Railway is in better shape than it was last crop year, when over 341,000,000 bushels were moved to market from stations on the C.P.R. line.

New Weapons for Onslaught

New weapons cited by D. S. Thomson, Vice-President of the Prairie region, for his road's annual onslaught on the harvest include:

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"Won't Let Farmer Down"

"We will get the grain in position for export as long as there is some place to put it when we get it there," Mr. Thomson said. "We've never let the farmer down and we won't."

The average daily movement into Vancouver and the Lakehead since the start of the new crop year on August 1st has been close to 700 cars over C.P.R. lines, the Transportation Department said, and this despite the uncertainties preceding the September 18th settlement.

At the Lakehead on September 29th the C.P.R. had over 1,377 cars under

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new atomic gun. U.S. army officer, at Seoul, charges that Russian troops are serving behind North Korean lines "in support capacity."

Oct. 1st. — Forty-five prisoners of war killed, 120 injured, by UN guards, on Cheju Island, Korea; riots put down; grew out of demonstrations celebrating third anniversary of new Chinese regime. General election in Japan.

Part of Contribution to Colombo Plan

OTTAWA, Ont. — Five Canadian firms have formed "Canadian Overseas Projects, Limited", to take on the job of building a \$5,000,000 cement plant in northern Pakistan. The undertaking will be part of Canada's contribution to the Colombo plan.

Helping Yugoslavia to Boost Her Industry Now

Geneva, Switzerland — A two-year project to help Yugoslavia increase its industrial capacity and improve living standards is being carried on by the International Labor Organization (associated with UN). It was undertaken at the request of Yugoslavia. It includes the provision by the I.L.O. of 44 foremen-instructors who will work to improve the workers' skills in nine industries; and the sending of 359 Yugoslavs to various Western European countries for periods of on-the-job training in 24 different branches of industry. Already, some are working at concrete construction in Switzerland, at shipbuilding, railway repairs and boilermaking, in Holland.

Bank Analyses Current Revival in Retail Trade

Only 13 per cent of Canadian homes are without electricity, points out the Bank of Montreal in a recent issue of its *Business Review*, which analyses the current revival of retail trade. Over 92 per cent have radios, but only 43 per cent have cars. The review concludes that "the market for durable goods should continue to expand, over the long term, more rapidly than population."

Canadians still use more cotton goods than any other fabric. They buy on the average the equivalent of 36 yards per year.

load and 1,927 in transit to a terminal whose elevators were holding 63 million bushels and where normal working capacity of between 75 and 80 million bushels had been reduced temporarily by last week's blast in the 6,200,000-bushel Pool 4A elevator. At Vancouver there were 11.6 million bushels in elevators with a working capacity of 13 million bushels, 650 cars under load and 1,700 in transit.

From July 31st, 1951, to August 1st, 1952, the Canadian Pacific loaded an average of more than 15,500 cars per month at country elevators, but wound up with 67,000,000 bushels in store at these points as against the 53,000,000 bushels there at the start of the crop year.

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Dear Farm Women:
If there are any farm people at the Coast who occasionally have a longing for their old prairie homes, this is a day which will intensify the feeling, I think. While they may have some pleasant memories of all the seasons of the year, I think the warmest memory that many have is that of the perfect days in the Fall, and that is what we are having today.

Remembered Years

Oh, of course, there were years when there seemed little to remember with pleasure; when crops had been almost a failure; when weather was all that it should not be and the threshers stayed on and on, or when the price of what was to be sold was so low that it meant financial stringency of the very tightest. But happily these can be dismissed for an appropriate time for remembering or discussing, and the golden days with the signs of autumn's gorgeous coloring and the stretch of the golden grain is the picture in mind.

Probably in that mental picture quite a few years have been shed, and there is the old stir of activity, the old feeling that everyone was

playing a most useful, a most necessary part, not only in the home, but in the community where everyone's help was needed.

Belloe on Courtesy

In your reading, do you sometimes run across a verse which you feel may be old to many others but is new to you and expresses much with which you agree? The other day I read Hilaire Belloc's "Courtesy", with the opening verse:

"Of Courtesy it is much less
Than Courage of Heart or Holiness,
Yet in my Walks it seems to me
That the Grace of God is in
Courtesy."

I thought I must pass it on, for someone else may enjoy it and think it over. I was going to add that, to me, real Courtesy did not necessarily mean the lifting of a hat at the right moment or the rising from a chair when good form says it should be done, or many such a thing — it was the sincerity of a kindly motive of consideration and kindness. I was going to add that I considered it added tremendously to life — not only to the life of the one receiving it, but to the life of the one extending it, and I thought it should be one of the aims of any person who was helping growing children form their pattern of life to help them develop it.

A Gem From Milton

Then I be-thought me I could look at the dictionary to see if it made my meaning more clear. To my delight I found this quotation from Milton:

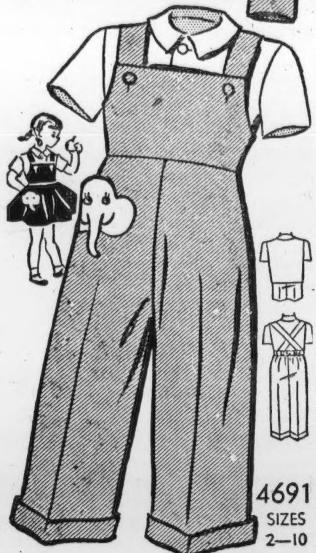
"And trust thy honest-offered courtesy
Which oft is sooner found in
lowly sheds
With smoky rafters, than in
tapestry walls
And courts of princes, where it
firstst was named
And yet is most pretended."

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News of Women's Locals

Broadcasts of hockey games at the same time as the National Farm Radio Forum prevent many members from hearing the latter, it was found during a discussion of Heath F.W.U.A.

Pollockville F.W.U.A. are holding their annual bazaar on October 31st. They are joining Wild Rose Local in using the same emergency ring on the telephone, writes Mrs. Keyte, the secretary.

After a lively discussion, Sunnibend F.W.U.A. (Dapp) voted in favor of the \$5 per family membership fee. At the same meeting, writes the secretary, Mrs. Foster, plans were made for the annual chicken supper.

Mrs. J. Allen read the special bulletin on Civil Defence, Mrs. M. Scott read the report on Health, and Mrs. Malsbury's report on young people's week was also read, at a recent meeting of Edwell F.W.U.A. Mrs. Scott

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Harvest of 1908 - A Glance Back

By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

THIS is not going to be a dissertation on harvesting machinery nor a comparison of the methods of 1908 with those of 1952 — except incidentally. It is merely an effort to recall, through the mists of forty-four years, some impressions of the harvest season in 1908 in one Southern Alberta district.

Season Long Remembered

The binding and stooking of the crop that year was accomplished in the usual way, but the season was long remembered in the neighborhood because it took about six weeks for one coal burning, steam-powered outfit to do the

Pre-School Youngsters Hear Favorite Program



Owing to delay in opening the schools in some areas this year, pre-school youngsters were enabled to invite their older brothers and sisters to join them in listening to "Kindergarten of the Air", which returned to the air-lanes of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation during September; and the older ones have helped them to enjoy the juvenile fun. The program will be heard throughout the season—each week-day morning on the CBC Trans-Canada network. Pictured above are two interested youngsters taking advantage of a portable radio to hear their favorite program. As in other years, "teachers" Dorothy Jane Goulding and Ruth Johnson take turns conducting the broadcasts.

(Continued from Previous Column). Pattern 4691 comes in sizes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10; state whether for boy or girl. Price of pattern 4691, 35 cents.

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threshing on three farms. The crop was heavy, but the farms weren't particularly large; on our farm, the cropped acreage may have been at that time about 150 acres, certainly less than 200.

We "Had the Threshers"

I was actively concerned in the business for about a month. While the threshers were at the next farm, I helped our neighbor's wife, and her daughter, a girl of about my own age, returned with me to help while we "had the threshers". While the threshing was actually going on, we girls milked the cows and did other chores, and helped take care of the house and younger children; there was a baby in each household. But the big job, of course, was the cooking.

Not a Car in Neighborhood

It seems to me the threshing crew numbered eleven, but this may have included the man and two boys in our own family. There were the men driving the stook teams, the engineer, the waterman, and the separator man, who was supposed to be an expert. And perhaps he was; it may have been that the separator was very old and decrepit, or it may have been made with an unusual number of flaws in its parts, or it may have been made under an unlucky star. But apart from stops caused by rains, the machine seems to have been continually breaking down, and in need of repairs from town. Town was 23 miles away, and those miles had to be travelled by horse and buggy; there was no car in that neighborhood until several years later.

Feeding the Crew

Rain or shine, threshing or waiting for the weather to clear or for the repairs to arrive, most of the crew stayed with us and had to be fed. They had to have three substantial meals each day, and, if they were threshing, morning and afternoon lunches. The cows had to be milked, the milk separated and butter made, and all the paraphernalia of home dairying had to be washed and scalded.

The hens had to be fed, and the eggs brought in; the vegetables had to be brought in from the garden, and peeled; I still remember feelingly how very many potatoes there are in a five-gallon pail (made from a coal oil can). The bread had to be made, as well as endless biscuits and cake and pudding and pie, with a wood-burning stove. Fruit was mostly dried, and had to be soaked and cooked; fruit out of cans was an undreamed of luxury, though we probably had a box of apples or a case of plums. And of course meat was on the table three times a day.

Three Sittings on Sunday

There were two sittings for each meal, with an interval of dishwashing between, for in addition to the threshers there were large families at each house. And on one Sunday, church was held in our house; according to custom, most of the congregation stayed to dinner. I think we had three sittings that day.

But not even the dishwashing bothered me. The prolonged operation may have been a nightmare to the elders, but to a girl in her teens the whole thing was exhilarating — a lark. I can't remember being tired, though I well remember the satisfac-



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tion of serving food to hungry men who appreciated it. I enjoyed the company of the other girl, and of the neighbors who were working with the crew. One evening some of the boys serenaded us — and perchance they serenaded my parents too, for their window was immediately below ours. I don't remember the songs the boys sang but we were enormously entertained, which was no doubt the purpose of the performance.

Years Bring Tremendous Change

In these days the weather can still make harvesting an uncertain and difficult business, but in every other way it has been so tremendously up that the number of men engaged in our district in 1908 could now cover many times the area.

But the thrill of harvest remains unchanged throughout the years; there is still activity and bustle and the sense of fruition and of plenty. It's a season when — if the weather is fine — anyone who has ever lived on a farm, I think, feels something of nostalgia for farm life.

BAD MEDICINE IN THE ARMY?

Denouncing the Truman administration's projected health insurance scheme as "socialized medicine", General Eisenhower says such a policy could have only one result — not more and better medical care for less, but less and poorer care for more. It would be interesting to know whether during his military career the Republican presidential candidate found the tax-supported army medical service to be so bad as all that. — Ottawa Citizen.

WILL IT BACKFIRE?
"In an attempt to make an issue, the Republicans have started what will certainly backfire. That is the slogan that 'containment is not enough'. We mustn't be satisfied with holding Russian imperialism but must crusade to liberate all the satellites who number some 800,000,000! If that idea is going to win votes, I'll be surprised. Most Americans will vote for the candidate who seems least likely to get us into more wars or crusades. Or — I guess so." — Dorothy Thompson.



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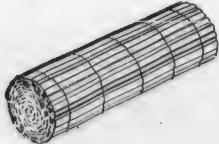
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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT
Superintendent of Publicity
Alberta Wheat Pool

This year Canada has produced the largest wheat crop in its history and the United States the second largest. Between the two countries wheat supplies total 2,440,000,000 bushels. Deducting therefrom 850,000,000 bushels for domestic requirements (700,000,000 in the United States and 150,000,000 in Canada) leaves 1,590,000,000 bushels for export and carryover. Last year Canada exported 256 million bushels and the United States 473 million bushels for a total of 829 million bushels.

Statistical Position

The statistical position of the Canadian wheat crop is as follows:

	Bushels
Canada 1952 crop	675,000,000
Carryover from last year	213,000,000
Total	888,000,000
Deduct for domestic use	150,000,000
Available for export and carryover	738,000,000
Deduct estimated export	400,000,000
Estimated carryover	338,000,000
The United States situation is as follows:	
1952 crop	1,298,000,000
Carryover from last year	254,000,000
Total	1,552,000,000
Deduct domestic requirements	700,000,000
Available for export and carryover	852,000,000
Estimated export	300,000,000
Estimated carryover	552,000,000

World Trade Estimate

It may be possible that Canada's exports may reach a higher figure than that indicated above. World trade is estimated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to be about 930 million bushels. Argentina has a larger acreage under wheat this year and the crop which will be harvested

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Oct. 1st. — Cattle market is slow. Good butcher steers sold yesterday \$19 to \$21, down to \$15 for common; good heifers \$18 to \$19, down to \$15 for common; good light cows \$13 to \$15, down to \$11 for common; cannery and cutters \$7 to \$10.50; good bulls \$12 to \$13, down to \$11; good stocker and feeder steers \$17.50 to \$20, down to 14; good to choice veal calves \$18.50 to \$20, down to \$15. Hogs sold yesterday \$24.50 to \$24.75, sows \$12.50.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Sept. 29th. — Choice killers are almost entirely absent from present offerings. Medium to good steers bring \$17 to \$21, and heifers of this class rate \$16 to \$19. Good cows are \$14 to \$15, down to \$10 for common; cannery and cutters \$7 to \$10. Grade A hogs closed last week at \$25.10 for shipment. Practical range for good lambs is \$18 to \$20.

The Dairy Market

A rise in prices effective September 29th, brings Special Cream to 62 cents, No. 1 to 60, No. 2 to 51 and off-grade to 45. Prints, wholesale, are 62.

Egg and Poultry Market

Local prices to producers for eggs are A1 large 55, medium 51, small 33; A large 50, medium 46, small 28; B 30, C 22, crax 19, peewees 15. Dressed chickens over 5 lbs. are bringing 34 for A, 24 for B, 17 for C; under 5 lbs., 31 down to 14. Dressed fowl, over 5 lbs., are 23 down to 13; 4 to 5 lbs., 20 down to 11; under 4 lbs., 17 down to 8.

OTTAWA, Ont. — Cash income by Canadian farmers from the sale of farm products and from grain adjustment and participation payments during the first half of this year totalled \$1,226,719,000, compared with \$1,251,909,000 in the first six months of 1951.

In December may go to 220 million bushels. Allowing for domestic requirements, Argentina would have a surplus of around 130 million bushels. That country has had to import wheat this year and the Government may decide to build up reserves, in which case exports will be small.

In Australia the crop is estimated at 150 million bushels and home needs total about 85 million bushels, leaving 65 million bushels for export. Between the two Southern Hemisphere countries, exports may not total much more than 100 million bushels, that would leave 830 million to be provided from North America.

The heavy supplies of wheat in North America are having a depress-

Veterinary Questions and Answers

By S. H. McClelland V.S.

CRUPPY BARK

G. H. Loverna, Sask. — Please advise re treatment of dog with cruppy bark. It foams a bit at the mouth, but otherwise seems well, and eats all right.

Ans. — Worms may be the cause. Would advise worming.

A.L. Sundre — I have had two sows lose their pigs about one month to six weeks before farrowing. Also have had pigs born without hair. What would be the cause of this?

Ans. — Iodine deficiency will cause both these conditions.

D.C.B., St. Paul — Could you please give me a formula for feeding orphan pigs?

Ans. — A good artificial ration for orphan pigs consists of 2 qts. whole cow's milk, 3 oz. cream, 3 oz. corn syrup, 1 egg. Feed 1 oz. per pig every two hours the first day, then 2 oz. every three hours until the fifth day, after which the pigs can be trough fed.

H.J.L., Warner — I have been told that Phenothiazine mixed with salt is used for worming sheep. Would you kindly give me the proportions?

Ans. — Mix 1 lb. Phenothiazine with 10 lbs. salt, and allow sheep free access.

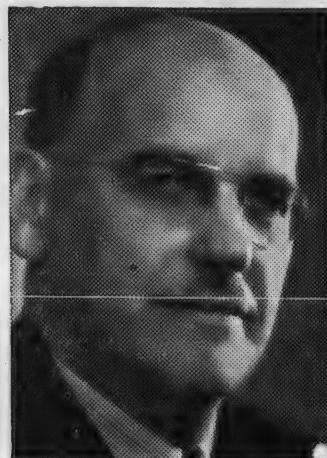
W.B.M., Coaldale — Is there any satisfactory treatment for blackhead in turkeys?

Ans. — A new drug, Enheptin, is being used with very satisfactory results.

ing effect on prices in the United States and prices have weakened. The operations of the Commodity Credit Corporation, a government body which establishes a floor price of an average of \$2.20 on the farm, is resulting in large supplies being placed under government law. It is expected that the Government may own over 400 million bushels of wheat by the end of the crop year, as compared with 212 million bushels from the 1951 crop.

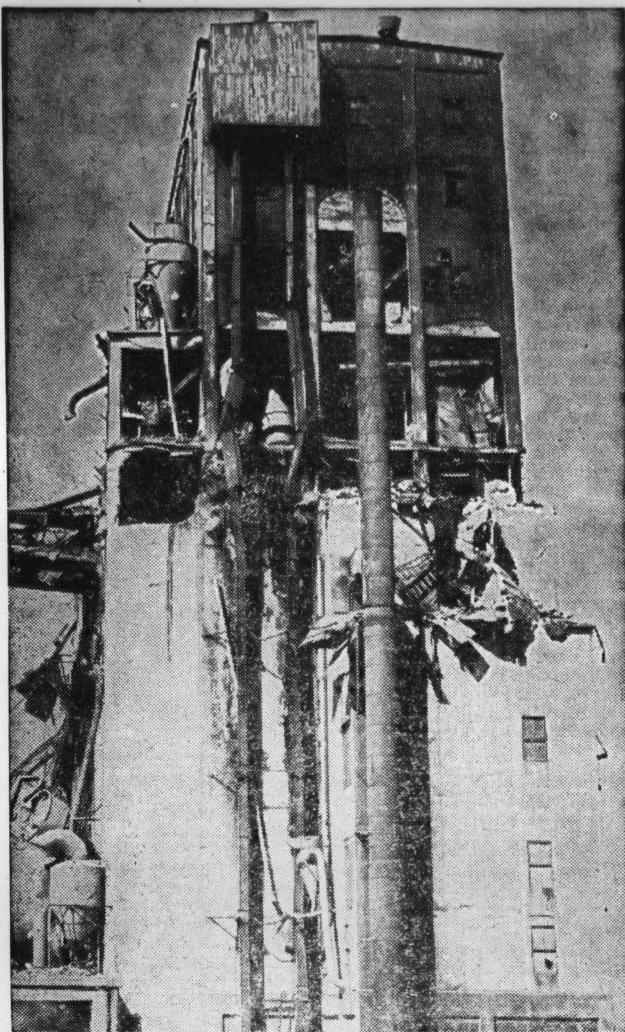
The one certain thing is that there will be no dearth of wheat in the world during the present crop year. It is indeed a fortunate thing for the farmers of this country that wheat marketing in Canada and the United States is in strong hands.

Appointed Vice-Presidents, Canada Packers



Recently appointed Vice-Presidents in the Canada Packers' organization are G. A. Schell (left) and W. R. Carroll. Both men were born and brought up on Ontario farms, and both have maintained close contact with farm life throughout their business careers. Mr. Carroll has held many offices in the Agricultural Institute of Canada, serving as its president in 1950-51. A. J. E. Child becomes Secretary-Treasurer and N. F. McLean, Director of the Research and Development Division, J. S. McLean, President, made the announcement.

Blast Tears Hole in Side of Elevator Bin



Further congestion of prairie-seaboard transportation will result from the explosion and fire which damaged No. 4A Elevator (capacity 8,000,000 bushels) of Saskatchewan Elevators, Ltd., at Port Arthur. Almost 100 men had left the elevator ten minutes before the explosion, but six men lost their lives. The blast torn in the side of the elevator bin is shown above. Cause of the fire was not officially known, but a spontaneous dust explosion was considered the likely explanation. In 1945, a similar explosion and fire swept No. 4 terminal, claiming 23 lives. When the elevator was renovated it was equipped with anti-dust equipment. No. 4A is to be restored with all possible speed.

Two New Publications

Two new publications of the Alberta Department of Agriculture have been received by The Western Farm Leader. They are "Dairy Barns for Alberta", dealing with both stall-type and loose housing barns, and "Shipping Fever of Cattle." Both contain much valuable information; they are well printed and illustrated, the former containing many diagrams and plans for various buildings.

FEDERATION PROTESTS INCREASE (Continued from Page 1)

As the present application for increase in rates is based almost entirely on the position of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Federation brief to the Board dealt entirely with the CPR contentions.

The Federation contends:

The Federation's Case

1. That contrary to the contention of the CPR, the corporation has been quite able to maintain a sound financial position under present conditions. The Federation in evidence quoted the successful flotation of both stock

and bond issues and the fact that the CPR in recent years has been able to maintain a very satisfactory dividend rate to its shareholders.

2. That the present freight rate structure provides sufficient revenue from the CPR rail operations alone, to provide for all proper requirements, and in addition to provide a surplus of more than \$9 million for the current year, over and above railway requirements and the dividend rate.

As to the CPR contention that it cannot maintain a sound financial position or attract additional capital without further increases in rates, the Federation brief indicates that there has been no present difficulty in attracting capital through bond and stock issues, and quotes the records in this respect.

Should Consider All Revenue

3. That it is unjust for the Board to establish freight rate schedules on the basis of the earnings of the CPR's rail system alone, that all revenue from all of its subsidiary enterprises, hotels, steamships, mines, etc., should be taken into consideration in assessing the need of the CPR for further freight rate increases.

The Federation argues that these subsidiary enterprises of the CPR were, to a large extent, built up originally from revenue of the railway system, and that it is now unfair for the railway company to insist that the

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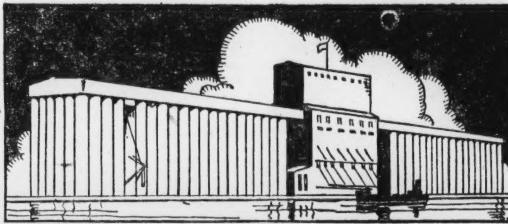
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revenues from these enterprises be is an industry which is declining relatively to other forms of transportation. Separated from the revenue from the rail system alone.

If rail rates are raised high enough to enable their rail enterprises alone to make a rate of return comparable with other industries, they would lose their traffic at a still more rapid rate to other forms of transportation.

"This would call for still higher rates to maintain their fair rate of return which if granted by the Board would result in still more loss of traffic.

"A few rounds of this procedure and the curtain would fall on the privately owned transportation system of the CPR."

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Indonesia Has 1,752 Co-ops

BATAVIA, Indonesia — Recent figures provided by the Indonesian Government show that there are now 1,752 recognised co-operatives in the country. They include consumer, credit and producer co-ops; among the latter are tobacco, rice (storage) and batik weaving societies.

MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, tells us that her "dream" of yesterday has become her nightmare of today.

Yep, says she, once he crept into her heart and now he's turned out to be the biggest creep of all.

LEFT RIGHT! LEFT RIGHT!

A woman witness at Baltimore, U.S.A., raised her left hand instead of the right to take the oath.

"Right hand, please," said the judge.

"This is my right hand," she said. "I'm left-handed."

Testing shoes for a firm of manufacturers, Miss M. Robertshaw, of Liverpool, walks twelve miles around the city each day. This is what is known as putting your best foot forward.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Mary of Carbon insists that love quickens all the sensés except common sense.

We are glad to report that Volodimir Barabash, our esteemed contributor who has been under the weather for some time, is now on the way to recovery as will be seen by what follows.

THOUGHTS BY BROTHER BARABASH

Our friend Mabel says that the wistful (pensive) look quite often turns out to be only a wasteful look.

Time flies for the busy people. For the idle it merely flutters.

It has been said that man is perhaps never less innocently employed than when he is busy making money. And considering how little the present day dollar can buy, we could truthfully add — and never less profitably.

SAFETY FIRST

Ho for the love life of the frigid Eskimos,

Their faces may not be so Photogenic,

Instead of kissing they will only rub nose,

But this you must admit is more hygienic.

True culture springs from the overflowing of the soul, but in the land of the Soviet culture is merely the overthrowing of the soul.

Modern girls prefer men who possess beautiful dreams — especially if those dreams are mounted on four wheels.

We have observed that during high winds the ladies can't decide whether to hang on to their hats or their skirts. Our advice to the girls is: Hang on to your hats — your skirts are bound to stay with you.

TODAY'S GREAT OOZE

The first and foremost philosophy of life is the acceptance of it.

TO VERLE ON HER 19th BIRTHDAY

In hoary age or in the prime of youth
May these two loves comprise your utmost duty.
And one of these is love of holy truth.
The other one is love of Divine Beauty.

IN THE GARDEN

I walked into a beautiful garden on the hill one evening, hoping to write a poem. But God, the Supreme poet, was there first and His Divine poetry was all around me.

And so I sat upon a four-pronged stump to view the Master's work.

There were the flowers, the grass, the trees and the birds and the gentle breeze with its mystic motion all perfectly blended — surpassing in beauty man's most exquisite sonnet.

Lifting up my eyes towards the sky, I was thrilled by a glorious sunset.

A thought sprang into my mind that God must also be a Master Painter.

And I was lifted up above life's turmoil and my soul was filled with peace while in my heart of hearts there echoed a silent prayer song:

*God of Beauty,
Lord of Love
On this earth
As in Heav'n above,
Thy holy will is done.
Amen*

— Volodimir Barabash.

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Thank you Brother Barabash. Without your help this column would occasionally be at a loss. — S. M.

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Painters at work at Lady's Bridge, Sheffield, were obliged to do their work with their ladders standing in the River Don. Water color painters, what?

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Sign on a Scottish Church:
YOU ARE WELCOME
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* * *

Oh yes, and if curiosity really did kill the cat, we'd just like to

Hostess to Ex-Monarch

During his exile in Italy, Ex-King Fuad of Egypt and the former Queen Narriman have found relief from boredom from time to time as the guests of Gracie Fields (above) famous Lancashire comedienne, at her Italian villa.

FARM WOMEN'S NEWS

(Continued from Page 10)
volunteered to look after Red Cross work until the end of the year.

Mrs. Lyons, former Director, and Miss Andreason, home economist, were guests at a recent meeting of Eastburg F.W.U.A. (Manola) and were each presented with a cup and saucer, writes secretary Mrs. James, "to show our appreciation for work well done." Mrs. W. Byvank was hostess to the meeting.

Mrs. H. Ziegler, Mrs. Lupu and Mrs. G. Schultz were named a committee to look after the handicraft display, by Park Grove F.W.U.A. (Vegreville). Mrs. Wm. Ziegler, secretary, reports that the Local is asking the Wheat Pool to hold their annual meeting one week earlier next year.

Mrs. P. Knapp and Mrs. P. Austin were joint hostesses to Ranfurly F.W.U.A. recently, the meeting being held at the home of the former. A social evening was planned, writes Mrs. R. Brown, secretary, at which a \$25 scholarship will be presented by the Local to the Ranfurly Grade IX student who obtained highest marks in last summer's examinations.

A \$1 membership fee would bring more members to the F.W.U.A., in the opinion of Westlock Local. Mrs. Glen, secretary, writes that these ladies are considering a plan for members to pay \$1 cash, the balance to be raised by the Local. Plans were made recently for a shower for the district home economist, whose marriage takes place early this month.

During the past two years, writes Mrs. B. Ninkovich, secretary of Poplar Ridge F.W.U.A., "this group has been fortunate enough to be in charge of the lunch concession at Sim's Auction Market, on the outskirts of Red Deer, where sales are held every Thursday." Two members take charge of the catering each week. It has meant a lot of hard work, but it has enabled the Local to give generously to many worthwhile projects. One was the furnishing of a children's ward in Red Deer Hospital, at a cost of some \$650. Membership of the Local stands at 17.

find out what the cat wanted to know.

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A carriage on a train that makes a weekly transcontinental trip in Western Australia is to be converted into a chapel. Services will be held at lonely stations. We trust it won't run over the sleepers.

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Little Folk's Puzzle



BILLY'S CATCH

Billy is telling us something he caught last Saturday. He says it was a whopper. Join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number twenty-two and you will see a picture of Billy's catch. Complete this picture with your paints or crayons.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Honey Date Cake: — Cook 1 cup dates with 1 cup boiling water, cool slightly and add 1/3 cup butter, then 1/2 cup each honey and brown sugar; next add 1 beaten egg, and then 2 cups flour sifted with 3 tsp. baking powder and 1/4 tsp. soda; lastly, stir in 1 cup walnut meats. Bake in 350 degree oven for 50 minutes.

Butter Fudge Frosting: — Heat together 2 1/2 cups sugar, 1 cup milk, 2 squares chocolate, grated, and 2 tbs. corn syrup; then boil to soft ball stage; add a dash of salt and 1/2 cup butter, without stirring; when lukewarm, add 1 tsp. vanilla and beat until thick enough to spread.

Pressing a Suit: — Should begin with a thorough brushing. Dampen pressing cloth evenly, and move iron with a circular motion. Do inside of each trouser leg, then outside; place legs together and go over creases to make them sharper. Lift the pressing cloth before it's dry, to avoid shine. Then, raise the nap by brushing with a stiff brush. Don't crease the sleeves; if you haven't a sleeve board you'll have to turn the sleeve several times, to avoid the edges. Use great care with pockets and lapels to avoid shine; press lightly, lift the pressing cloth before dry and then brush vigorously.

Parsley Butter: To 1/4 cup butter, creamed, add 1 tbs. minced parsley and 1 tsp. lemon juice or tarragon vinegar. Use as canape spread or on boiled white vegetables or on steaks. (Chives or mint may be substituted for the parsley).

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